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FBIS LISTENING POSTS

During the war years FBIS operated four main receiving stations:

STATINTL [redacted] where the main task was to monitor Japanese broadcasts; [redacted] STATINTL which received programs from Japanese-operated territory and other Asiatic  
STATINTL transmitters; [redacted] which monitored Latin American programs; and  
STATINTL the largest, [redacted] a few miles outside of Washington, D.C., which concentrated on programs beamed to, or audible in, North America.

Arrangements of a cooperative character made with broadcast intelligence services of other countries among the United Nations even before the United States entered the war were expanded in July, 1943 when a United Nations Monitoring Committee was created in London, with the objective of pushing forward cooperative plans and specific exchange of material.

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(A) [redacted] The largest and most valuable of the foreign sources

of broadcast material is the [redacted] post maintained near STATINTL London. Of the total million words a day intercepted, monitored, recorded and translated, approximately two-thirds consists of continental Europe (mediumwave) domestic broadcasts which can not be heard in the United States. In World War II an OWI editor was assigned to the FBIS round-the-clock office at the British country listening post and simultaneous wires were filed from there to FBIS and and OWI in Washington and New York. The FBIS staff in London sent each day by

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[redacted] cable a roundup of European broadcasts for the use of the

Army's two Psychological Warfare Branch monitoring units at [redacted] STATINTL both in charge of ex-FBIS members assigned to PWB (The [redacted] operations STATINTL 1943 and ceased with the transfer of personnel concerned to OWI in [redacted] 1944. A small STATINTL post at [redacted] closed in February, 1943).

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(B) [redacted]

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[redacted] Because of budgetary cuts, FBIS was unable to send an

STATINTL editor to [redacted] But arrangements were made for the OWI to finance the project although the editor was an FBIS employee.

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